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Mayor Arceneaux Issues Statement Concerning Overnight Shootings

Mayor Tom Arceneaux has issued the following statement concerning the July 4 shootings in the Martin Luther King, Jr. neighborhood:

“The Martin Luther King, Jr. neighborhood and the City were traumatized again on July 4 with acts of violence that led to four people killed and seven seriously injured. Every death, every injury resulting from gun violence affects us all, diminishes us as a community. These deaths, these injuries, are no exception.

“We cannot and will not tolerate the violence we are experiencing. We denounce it. We are better than this as a community.

“The people of the MLK neighborhood are like a close-knit family. That family has suffered more than its share of the gun violence this year.

“I call for every citizen to pray for the victims, their families, and the MLK neighborhood for healing from the trauma of this and the other incidents. Please pray further for an end to the epidemic of gun violence we are experiencing.

“The Shreveport Police Department continues its thorough investigation of these crimes. The City will do all it can to bring the perpetrators to justice to the full extent of the law.

“The City needs every person with information about these crimes to share that information with the Shreveport Police Department.”

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